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TRANSPORTING SAMPLE WELL TRAYS

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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being concurrently filed with the filing of the above-referenced application. Copies of the listed documents were either previously submitted by Applicants or cited by the Examiner in a parent application (i.e., Application No. 09/606,006), upon which Applicants rely for the benefits provided under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Accordingly, it is not required that copies of those cited documents be provided. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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	3,080,759	03/63	McQuaid			
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